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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.
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SUBJECT: **NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO
APPROVE A PERCENTAGE INCREASE EXCEEDING 10 PERCENT OF THE
TOTAL CONTRACT**

This is to notify you that the Department of Public Health (DPH) intends to request delegated authority to execute sole source agreements with Antelope Valley Partners for Health (AVPH) and Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) to provide Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting services, request delegated authority to execute an amendment to Contract Number PH-001644 with Nurse Family Partnership (NFP), and request an increase or a decrease in funding up to 25 percent above or below each term's annual base maximum obligation.

In accordance with Board of Supervisors' Policy 5.120, prior Board notice is required for any department requesting delegated authority to increase Board-approved contracts by over 10 percent.

Background

On March 23, 2010, the President signed into law the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, (ACA). The ACA amended Title V of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 701 et seq.), by adding Section 511, which established the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program. The goals of the MIECHV Program are to 1) improve the coordination of perinatal and early childhood in-home supportive services for at-risk communities and 2) identify and provide comprehensive services to improve outcome for families who reside in at-risk communities.

On October 6, 2011, the DPH Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Programs (MCAH) received notification of award funding from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to provide Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) services in Los Angeles County. DPH intends to execute a sole source agreement with AVPH and LAUSD to provide MIECHV services to State-designated at-risk communities utilizing designated evidence-based home visiting models to improve health and development outcomes for pregnant women, parents and caregivers, and children.

In order to carry this out, CDPH selected two evidence-based home visiting models; Healthy Families America (HFA) and Nurse Family Partnership. The AVPH and LAUSD are the only agencies in Los Angeles County other than DPH that have implemented both models. Under this funding, AVPH will be able to expand upon its current HFA Healthy Homes Program in the Antelope Valley. LAUSD will expand its current NFP Program in the LAUSD in at-risk communities. These services will begin effective upon date of execution through June 30, 2013.

On December 12, 2012, DPH received a revised Letter of Allocation (LOA) in the amount of \$4,376,404 for the period of February 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. The revised LOA replaced and superseded the October 6, 2011 LOA and includes funding to implement the home visiting program and to provide regional NFP nurse training in Northern and Southern California.

Under this LOA, DPH will also amend the current sole source agreement with the NFP to include the provision of regional NFP nurse training in Northern and Southern California. In an effort to reduce costs to all Local Health Jurisdictions (LHJs) in California, including Los Angeles County, the State negotiated with the NFP National Service Office and DPH to provide regional nurse trainings in Northern and Southern California, rather than requiring all LHJs and State staff to travel to Denver for the trainings.

The sole source agreements and the augmentation amendment to NFP, Contract Number PH-001644, will be 100 percent offset by federal Title V funds from the State. Total proposed funding for each sole source agreement effective upon the date of execution approval through June 30, 2013 is as follows: AVPH - \$1,186,444 and LAUSD - \$1,535,180. The augmentation amount to the NFP agreement is \$120,000 increasing the total agreement allocation from \$126,246 to \$246,246 effective upon the date of Board approval through June 30, 2013.

Justification for Sole Source Agreements

This funding will allow DPH to implement the MIECHV Program to provide effective coordination and delivery of critical health, development, early learning, child abuse and neglect prevention, and family support services to pregnant women, their newborns, young children, and families. The AVPH and LAUSD are well-suited to provide these services given their history in implementing the State-required evidence-based models. AVPH and LAUSD are the only organizations in Los Angeles County that are authorized to perform HFA services and NFP services, respectively.

Justification to Increase or Decrease Greater Than 10 Percent of the Total Contract Amount

A delegated authority of 25 percent to increase or decrease the total contract amounts will allow DPH greater flexibility to modify contracts for the purpose of redistributing funds to high performing agencies or to increase funds to allow for increased or enhanced service provisions. Furthermore, a delegated authority of 25 percent will allow DPH more flexibility to implement MIECHV grant requirements for home visitation services. Due to the start up of the new program and new funding, a higher percentage of delegated authority is requested in order to put resources into the contract to accommodate expansion of sites or an increased demand from clients.

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Notification Timeline

Consistent with the procedures of Board Policy 5.120, we are informing your Board of our intention to proceed with the filing of the Board letter with the Executive Office of the Board for the April 10, 2012 Board Meeting.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me.

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